

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Mr. Robert Nardelli
Chairman and CEO
Chrysler LLC
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Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Dear Mr. Nardelli:

I am writing regarding your decision to eliminate contracts with 789 auto dealerships, including 46 dealerships in Ohio.

Given the fact that this will further contract my state's economy and leave thousands of employees without jobs, I would like to understand the logic behind this decision.

I request that you please provide me the rationale for closing certain dealerships and keeping others intact. In addition, I ask that you provide me with information about how this consolidation saves costs and leads to higher revenues for Chrysler.

As it stands, this decision will have a devastating impact on my state. Nothing short of a foolproof strategy that will result in a revitalized and expanded auto industry could justify eliminating so many jobs in Ohio, a state already facing massive, auto industry-related job loss.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator